

(f) Right to sue and be sued.

The vestry of each parish, and its successors shall be forever able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any court of justice, and before all or any judge, or other persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever now or hereafter proper under the laws of this State.

(g) Seal.

The vestry of each parish, and its successors, shall and may have and use a common seal, and may alter or destroy the same or make a new one from time to time as the vestry may desire.

(h) Certificate of incorporation.

(1) Certificate of New Parish. The vestry of any new parish, when elected, shall cause a certificate to be made and signed by the vestrymen, or a majority of them, to be filed with and recorded by the State Tax Commission, or its successor administrative body.

In said certificate there shall be set forth the material facts with regard to the organization of the new parish, stating the name thereof, the time and authority for its creation, the name and residence of the vestrymen then in office, the place where the principal church of the parish is or shall be situated, and a statement that the corporation so created shall be subject to the provisions of this subheading.

(2) Certificate of New Separate Congregation. The vestry of any new separate congregation created pursuant to the provisions of the law regulating the formation of religious corporations generally, the union of which with the diocese has been accepted by the convention of the diocese, in addition to its original certificate of incorporation, shall cause a supplemental certificate, similar in every respect to the certificate required by paragraph (1) of this subsection, to be made, signed, filed and recorded as in said paragraph set forth.

(3) Certificate of Old Parish or Separate Congregation. Inasmuch as the vestries heretofore incorporated by virtue of the provisions of the original Vestry Act have not been required to file and record a certificate, and the vestries of any separate congregation, after union with the diocese, have not been required to file and record a supplemental certificate signifying such union, the State Tax Commission, or its successor administrative body, is hereby authorized to file and record, a certificate, similar in every respect to the certificate required by paragraph (1) of this